

OBSERVANCE OF THE FOURTH.

General Parade with 8,000 Men in Line in the Morning.

A Host of Other Events to Amuse Pleasure-Seekers.

MISS LEWIS AS CLEOPATRA.

The Actress Chats Breezily About Her Forthcoming Production.

"Banker's Daughter" May Be Revived—Stage News and Gossip.

Independence Day will be observed by the metropolis on Wednesday in a way more general than in years. This will be the one hundred and eighteenth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and though occasionally some public scandal is revealed, like that unearthed by the Lexow Committee, the faith of the people in the wisdom of a government of the people, for the people, by the people, unhampered by hereditary rulers, is unshaken.

On the morning of July 4, 1776, the peaceful Quakers of Philadelphia gave expression to their independence of the small men who had gone to war for national independence by firing a volley of musketry, ringing the bells of the state old town, and congratulating each other and the Republic on its first birthday.

There was little cause for rejoicing then. The patriot soldier had had a very tough year. Six more very tough years passed before Lord Howe sailed away from New York Harbor with his army, never to return. The immortal George Washington came down the Bowery road amid the rejoicings of the soldier-ridden people of New York.

New York used to celebrate Independence Day with a good old-fashioned parade, but she got too big and dimmed for that. In 1874 the general parade was abandoned.

A hundred small parades have occurred each July since that, however, and the city still has its annual bake parties, fudges, and other gala organizations appearing in various parts of the city on their way to steamboat, boat, and steamship for their respective rendezvous for the day.

In 1894 there will be a return to the ancient custom. There will be a general parade for the fourth, and the sons will take part, with L. S. Dickey son as Grand Marshal, and Major John G. Norman of Revolutionary descent, as Child Marshal.

The parade will start from Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue at 9 in the morning, and will be made up as follows:

First Division—All regular military bodies; Marshal, the ranking officer.

Second Division—Naval Veterans and Naval Reserves; Marshal, B. S. Anderson.

Third Division—A. R. and kindred bodies; Marshal, Major F. S. Schaefer.

Fourth Division—Veterans of Spanish War; Marshal, James H. White.

Fifth Division—Independent military bodies; Marshal, General W. T. Robertson.

Sixth Division—Veteran Firemen and Sons, with apparatus; Marshal, J. E. United American Mechanics; seniors; Marshal, E. B. Bryant.

Eighth Division—Order of United American Mechanics; seniors; Marshal, Richard Bush.

Ninth Division—All regular military bodies; Marshal, senior principal.

Reviewing officers—Excluded: Frederick G. Greene, John C. T. Tammey, G. F. Clason, G. H. Col. Charles E. Sprague, G. A. B., and Elmer C. Smith.

The four biggest things in New York's celebration of "the ever glorious Fourth" will be the "pow-wow" of the four great societies in the morning, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. There will be "Long Talks" by Georgia's new Senator; Editor Patrick Walsh, and Congressmen, and the Balles of Texas and "Short Talk" by G. W. Springer of Texas; Congressman William M. Springer, of Illinois; Gen. Dan Sickler, and Gen. John C. Tammey.

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